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Dear Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and the continuing duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants call to the attention of the Examiner the references listed on the attached forms. It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached forms be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

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Respectfully submitted,

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